

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A self orthogonal decoding circuit performing decoding for self orthogonal code repeating decoding for said self orthogonal code for a plurality of times.

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2. A self orthogonal decoding circuit performing decoding for self orthogonal code on the basis of syndrome bit determined only by an error in a reception series which is generated by adding error to a transmission series which is in turn generated by parallel/serial conversion with adding an check series to an information series, comprising:

a plurality of stages of deciding circuit for repeating decoding for said self orthogonal code for a plurality of times; and

15 check series register provided for each of decoding circuit except for the decoding circuit at a final stage among said plurality of stages of decoding circuits and for inputting said check series to next stage of decoding circuit with delay.

20 3. A self orthogonal decoding circuit as set forth in claim 2, wherein, in said plurality of stages of decoding circuits, a threshold value judgment threshold value for making judgment as error in first decoding is set large to make correction only for high probability of error being corrected, and said

threshold value judgment threshold value being gradually reduced as repeated decoding for said self orthogonal code, for making correction for lower probability of error.

- 5     4.     A self orthogonal decoding circuit as set forth in claim 2, which comprises means for performing code synchronization judgment by counting number of errors as being judged as error and performing code synchronization on the basis of counted error number.

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5.     A self orthogonal decoding circuit as set forth in claim 3, which comprises code synchronization dedicated threshold value judgment circuit provided separately from the circuit for making judgment of said error and dedicated for code  
15     synchronization and making judgment whether error is caused or not on the basis of threshold value judgment threshold value optimized for code synchronization. and said threshold value of said code synchronization dedicated threshold value judgment circuit to be lower than said threshold value judgment  
20     threshold value.

6.     A self orthogonal decoding circuit as set forth in claim 5, which comprises a syndrome register which shifts said syndrome bit provided for code synchronization to output to

said code synchronization dedicated threshold value judgment circuit, so as not to perform correction on the basis of the result of error judgment of said code synchronization dedicated threshold value judgment circuit for said syndrome register.

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7. A self orthogonal decoding circuit as set forth in claim 4, wherein each decoding circuit in said plurality stages comprises:

syndrome generation means for generating said syndrome  
10 bit;

error value generation means for leading an error value by making judgment of error of said syndrome bit generated by said syndrome generation means on the basis of said threshold value judgment threshold value;

15 error correcting means for correcting error of said syndrome bit on the basis of said error value generated by said error value generation means; and

error detection counter for counting said error number on the basis of said error value generated by said error value  
20 generation means.

8. A self orthogonal decoding circuit as set forth in claim 1, wherein, in a system including an information source generating an information series, an encoder for converting

said information series into a code series, and a communication path for transmitting said code series, decoding for said self orthogonal code is repeated for a plurality of times.

5 9. A self orthogonal decoding circuit as set forth in claim 8, wherein said communication path is constructed with a wired cable.

10 10. A self orthogonal decoding circuit as set forth in claim 9, wherein said wired cable is an optical cable.

11. A self orthogonal decoding circuit as set forth in claim 8, wherein said communication path is a transmission path in radio communication.

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12. A self orthogonal decoding method for performing decoding for self orthogonal code repeating decoding for said self orthogonal code for a plurality of times.

20 13. A self orthogonal decoding method performing decoding for self orthogonal code on the basis of syndrome bit determined only by an error in a reception series which is generated by adding error to a transmission series which is in turn generated by parallel/serial conversion with adding an check series to

an information series, comprising a step of:

in each of a plurality of stages of deciding circuit  
for repeating decoding for said self orthogonal code for a  
plurality of times, said check series being input to next stage  
5 of decoding circuit with a delay except for the decoding circuit  
at the final stage.

14. A self orthogonal decoding method as set forth in claim  
13, wherein, in said plurality of stages of decoding circuits,  
10 a threshold value judgment threshold value for making judgment  
as error in first decoding is set large to make correction  
only for high probability of error being corrected, and said  
threshold value judgment threshold value being gradually  
reduced as repeated decoding for said self orthogonal code,  
15 for making correction for lower probability of error.

15. A self orthogonal decoding method as set forth in claim  
13, which comprises means for performing code synchronization  
judgment by counting number of errors as being judged as error  
20 and performing code synchronization on the basis of counted  
error number.

16. A self orthogonal decoding method as set forth in claim  
15, wherein a threshold value of a code synchronization

dedicated threshold value judgment circuit provided separately from the circuit for making judgment of said error and dedicated for code synchronization and making judgment whether error is caused or not on the basis of threshold value judgment threshold value optimized for code synchronization, being set lower than said threshold value judgment threshold value.

17. A self orthogonal decoding method as set forth in claim 16, which comprises a step of providing a syndrome register which shifts said syndrome bit provided for code synchronization to output to said code synchronization dedicated threshold value judgment circuit, so as not to perform correction on the basis of the result of error judgment of said code synchronization dedicated threshold value judgment circuit for said syndrome register.

18. A self orthogonal decoding method as set forth in claim 15, which includes

step of generating said syndrome bit,  
step of leading an error value by making judgment of error of said syndrome bit generated by said syndrome generation means on the basis of said threshold value judgment threshold value,

step of correcting error of said syndrome bit on the basis of said error value generated by said error value generation means; and

step of counting said error number on the basis of said error value generated by said error value generation means.

19. A self orthogonal decoding method as set forth in claim 12, wherein, in a system including an information source generating an information series, an encoder for converting said information series into a code series, and a communication path for transmitting said code series, decoding for said self orthogonal code is repeated for a plurality of times.

20. A self orthogonal decoding method as set forth in claim 19, wherein said communication path is constructed with a wired cable.

21. A self orthogonal decoding method as set forth in claim 20, wherein said wired cable is an optical cable.

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22. A self orthogonal decoding method as set forth in claim 19, wherein said communication path is a transmission path in radio communication.